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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0121-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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MITSUHASHI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1651
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Application No.: 10/519,212) Examiner: Herbert J. LILLING
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371(c) Date: December 27, 2004) Confirmation No.: 7322
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International Filing Date: June 27, 2003)
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING)
LACTONE (as amended))

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Office Action dated February 9, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

An Amendment to the Title is included and begins on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper and begin on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper and begin on page 9.